Accordingly, data on unelectrified villages as per revised definition was called for from the States. As per the latest progress report on village electrification published by CEA (as on 31.3.2006), 356 villages in Karnataka are yet to be electrified.

(b) All the unelectrified villages in the country including Karnataka are envisaged to be electrified under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana by 2009.

(c) Rural Electrification Corporation Limited (REC) has received 26 projects under RGGVY from Karnataka. In Phase I, 17 projects with an awarded cost of Rs. 641.77 crore have been cleared for implementation for which funds to the tune of Rs. 159.95 crore have been released so far.

(d) An amount of Rs. 3983 crore has been allocated in the budget of Ministry of Power as capital subsidy for implementation of Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana in the country during 2007-08. REC is the nodal agency for disbursement of these funds.

Power Requirements in Delhi

2980. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Union Government are considering to obtain electricity from Kerala in the near future for Delhi;

(b) if so, the quantum of electricity to be so obtained;

(c) how much electricity shall reach Delhi and the likely transmission losses; and

(d) whether electricity rates charged from the common man shall be cheaper, if so, how much and how far such electricity shall be sufficient in meeting the requirements of Delhi ?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) Union Government is not involved in obtaining electricity from Kerala in near future for Delhi as the same is the responsibility of Distribution Licensees of Delhi.

(b) and (c) As per information received from Delhi Transco Limited (DTL), Delhi has signed as agreement with Kerala for purchase of power to the tune of 138 MW in first fortnight of May, 296 MW in second fortnight of May and 138 MW in June, 2007. The actual availability of this power to Delhi will depend upon the availability of open access to Delhi. The transmission losses will be about 15%.

(d) Tariff of electricity to be charged from consumer is determined by State Electricity Regulatory Commission (in the instant case DERC) after considering the Annual Revenue Requirement of distribution licensee. Against an anticipated power requirement of 4100 MW during May and June, 2007 in Delhi, the electricity proposed to be obtained from Kerala is only 138—296 MW which is 3.6—7.2% of the total requirement of Delhi.

Implementation of APDRP

2981. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have implemented the Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) for upgradation of sub-transmission systems in States;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of funds provided to each State for undertaking schemes for sub-transmission and distribution systems under the APDRP;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government are contemplating to renovate and modernize the old inefficient power generating units; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time limit by which the work of renovation and modernization of such power generating units is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) was launched in the year 2002-03 with the objective of encouraging reforms and of reduction in Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) losses, improving quality of supply of power and improving consumer satisfaction. The said programme has two components *viz.* (i) investment component and (ii) incentive component. Under the